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## Letter from Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, to Sarah Whitney, Belmont, Massachusetts, 1894 August 7

Anne Whitney

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Miss S. M. Whitney  
Care of Mr. Edward Whitney  
Belmont  
Mass.

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Aug 7 to 10





you as always with affectionate  
interest. Hal says she misses  
in returning from meals (as do the  
rest of us) meeting you at the Knoll.  
~~Ady~~ Ady comes in to remind  
that this is Fidelia's last day.  
meaning that I should be at  
my post of host. She does  
indeed go tomorrow morning in the  
anticipation of guests at her own  
house - H.S. goes Saturday.

I should like to know why  
the Elms haven't noticed my  
invitation. I have a good  
mind to sell Black Angus rather  
than to make him over to John  
to go logging with next winter.

Mrs. Purvank is picking  
up a little.

We are well. You may be  
sure. Your little letters are  
sufficient to keep us in good  
spirits about you. & Larry is  
very kind to supplement them with  
a more & more detail. Love to you  
all - Am glad to know that Esther Brigham  
finds her environment agreeable.

[1894]

Monday - 7 - Aug

(Mr. Edwards stayed too long  
to get my letter of yesterday to the  
mail in season - so you will receive  
it - this morning only.

But first acknowledgments. Ady  
rec'd. & wishes to thank Edward for  
his letters of the 2<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
The last containing checks.  
I rec'd. the checks along with your  
letter last evening. You have I suppose  
rec'd my letter stating that your  
debt to H. is \$61.11. She (A)  
has paid 13 weeks bd. in advance  
so that I have been able to pay  
my debt of 77.75 to her. & so  
do not therefore require that sum  
(viz 77.75) over & above the \$100 -  
which I shall have from you.  
I hope this is clear. - "does not  
come under the head of enigmas to be  
solved". What the obscurity is I  
cannot comprehend. Life is so simple  
here. it doesn't seem as if there  
were material for any riddles.



Wednesday 8. H. Spofford  
arrived as expected very well &  
bright - our part of the world  
in comparison with that she  
left - looks green she says. but  
John had to give up blowing this  
morning because of the dryness of  
the intervals. When will the  
rainmaker appear?

10<sup>th</sup> We were to have gone to  
Randolph Hill to picnic today.  
but we have something better -  
a good rain - the mellifluous  
fall of it - on the roof began  
between 3 & 4 this morning  
& has continued at intervals  
till now. It has been abundant  
enough to fairly wet the soil &  
infuse <sup>with</sup> life the dry roots of the  
grass. Yesterday P.M. we drove  
again round Hank Hill whose attractive  
grove with acquaintance - John  
drove us a new way thro the woods

a very lovely way. While we  
were at tea - the Goodales drove  
up - & Mrs. Perhallow - & waited  
on the piazza till we went up.  
I find that the Cases of hospitality  
or perhaps I should say of  
entertaining - take up my time  
pretty thoroughly. Scarying &  
studio work fall off in spite  
of the best will to do otherwise.  
Now & then I also have to  
puzzle a little over the Chirographs  
or the sense of my correspondents.  
Barry for instance - who is generally as  
clear as a bell - says that I shall  
miss in your & her letter of Monday<sup>(2)</sup>  
the "Candal warrant" what does  
the girl mean?

I am glad that you take to  
the road now & then - drive out  
to see your friends. It is a good  
practice which I hope you will be  
able to keep up. Our friends &  
acquaintance here inquire after